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Remarks

Claims 1 to 35 are in this application.

Certified copies of Italian Patent Applications VI2003A000053 and VI2003A000071 are being submitted herewith to claim and perfect applicants' claim to priority pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC 119. Accordingly, the claims of this application are entitled to an effective filing date of March 19, 2003 and April 10, 2003, each date which is earlier than the filing date (April 15, 2003) of Kolton.

It is respectfully submitted that Kolton is not available as prior art to the claims of this application.

In view of the above, a rejection of any of the claims of this application as being anticipated by Kolton is not warranted pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC 102. Likewise, any rejection of the claims of this application as being unpatentable over Kolton in view Abdi is not warranted pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC 103.

With the allowance of the generic claims of this application, the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn.

New claims 34 and 35 have been added in order to further define the scope of the invention. It is not believed that any new matter has been added in this regard in view of the original drawings.

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The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

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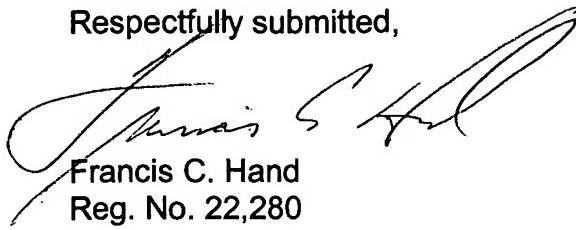
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